

AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A safety locking mechanism in combination with a receptacle or compartment with a movable member in a vehicle, the receptacle or compartment with a movable member ~~other object~~ being movable back and forth between an opened and a closed position, the safety locking mechanism comprising:
 - a mass, which is movably guided by a guide means from a basic position into a deflected position, wherein the mass holds the receptacle or compartment with a moveable member ~~other object~~ closed when the mass is moved into the deflected position, and
 - a device which holds the mass in the basic position when no acceleration or deceleration acts in the deflection direction on the mass,
 - wherein the safety locking mechanism further comprises
 - an engaging device, which holds the mass in the deflected position, and
 - a restoring device, effective in response to an overpressure applied to the receptacle or compartment with a movable member ~~other object~~, to direct the mass as held by the engaging device in the deflected position into the basic position, and
 - wherein the mass is deflectable in two opposing directions, is held in each deflected position by the engaging device, holds the receptacle or compartment with a movable member in each deflected position and is directed by the restoring device into the basic position when an overpressure is applied to the receptacle or compartment with a moveable member.
2. (Previously Presented) A safety locking mechanism according to claim 1, wherein a damping element acts against the application of an overpressure to the receptacle or compartment with a movable member.
3. (Previously Presented) A safety locking mechanism according to claim 2, wherein the characteristic of the damping element is such that as speed increases a superproportionate damping force occurs.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) A safety locking mechanism according to claim 1, wherein the safety locking mechanism comprises a second restoring device effective by movement of the receptacle or compartment with a movable member from the open into the closed position.